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TAGS: PARM, BE, UN
SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA: BELGIAN WORKING PAPER ON REGIONAL
DISARMAMENT

1. AT BARTON GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 19, BELGIAN MFA DIS-
ARMAMENT REP CHAMPIGNOIS CIRCULATED A WORKING PAPER ON
REGIONAL DISARMAMENT FOR POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION AS A DRAFT
RESOLUTION IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE.

2. CHAMPIGNOIS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN INTRODUCING THE
PAPER. IT IS INTENTIONALLY VAGUE IN ITS FORMULATION OF
ISSUES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN UP IN AN EXPERTS STUDY IN ORDER
TO AVOID NEGATIVE REACTIONS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES. IN THE
BELGIAN VIEW, HOWEVER, THE STUDY WOULD REFER TO BOTH CON-
VENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE DRAFT AVOIDS ANY REF-
ERENCE TO CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS IN VIEW OF THE CON-
TROVERSIALITY OF THAT ISSUE IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.
THE REFERENCE IN PREAMBULAR PARA 6 TO "EFFORTS MADE" ON
REGIONAL DISARMAMENT REFERS TO MBFR. THERE IS NO INTENTION
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HOWEVER, THAT ANY EXPERTS STUDY WOULD AFFECT THE CON-
DUCT OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. THE REFERENCE IN PRE-
AMBULAR PARA 6 TO "RESULTS ALREADY OBTAINED IN THIS
FIELD" IS THE TREATY OF TLA TELLOCO.

3. CHAMPIGNOIS MADE CLEAR THAT BELGIAN INTENDS TO INTRO-
DUCE THE DRAFT RES IN FIRST COMMITTEE ONLY IF THERE IS

CONSIDERABLE NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT FOR IT. BELGIANS WILL MAKE SOUNDINGS AND REPORT TO BARTON GROUP. AMBASSADOR JAY (CANADA) SAID THAT THE GROUP WOULD AWAIT THE BELGIAN REPORT, BUT NOTICEABLY NO DEL COMMENTED ON ITS SUBSTANCE.

4. NOTE: REFERENCE IN OP, PARAS 2 AND 3 TO THE EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFER TO THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

5. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE WORKING PAPER:
QUOTE:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONCERNED AT THE FACT THAT THE ARMAMENTS RACE IS NOT SLOWING DOWN AND THAT THE WORLD FIGURE FOR EXPENDITURES ON ARMAMENTS CONTINUES TO INCREASE,

CONVICED OF THE NEED TO INTENSIFY AND DIVERSIFY THE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DISARMAMENT,

BELIEVING THAT THE WORK AND NEGOTIATIONS MUST BE DEVELOPED AT BOTH THE WORLD AND THE REGIONAL OR BILATERAL LEVEL,

RECALLING THAT IT IS FOR EACH STATE, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY, TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS
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FOR ENSURING ITS SECURITY,

MINDFUL OF THE IMPORTANCE WHICH FURTHER REGIONAL MEASURES TAKEN ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE STATES CONCERNED MAY HAVE,

BEARING IN MIND THE EFFORTS MADE AND THE RESULTS ALREADY OBTAINED IN THIS FIELD,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION ON THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS THE IN-DEPTH STUDIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL,

CONVINCED OF THE USEFULNESS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF A STUDY ON ALL THE REGIONAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT AND OF THE CONTROL OF ARMAMENTS,

1. INVITES ALL STATES TO APPRISE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, AT AN INITIAL STAGE, NOT LATER THAN 31 MARCH 1978, OF THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE REGIONAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT AND OF THE CONTROL OF ARMAMENTS,

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT TO THE EIGHTH

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS
OF THE SESSION, THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY HIM,

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ESTABLISH, WITH THE
COLLABORATION OF A SPECIAL GROUP OF QUALIFIED GOVERNMENTAL
EXPERTS, AT THE LASTEST FOR ITS THIRTY FOURTH SESSION, A COMPRE-
HENSIVE STUDY OF ALL THE REGIONAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT AND
THE CONTROL OF ARMAMENTS, BEARING IN MIND, INTER ALIA, THE
DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION.
THIS STUDY WILL INCLUDE AMONGST OTHERS AN EXAMINATION OF THE
NEW MEASURES THAT CAN BE ENVISAGED ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE
STATES OF A SAME REGION IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND
ARMAMENTS CONTROL.

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4. DECIDES TO INCLUDE AN ITEM ENTITLED "REGIONAL ASPECTS
OF DISARMAMENT" IN THE PROVISIONSL AGENDA OF ITS THIRTY THIRD
SESSION.

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